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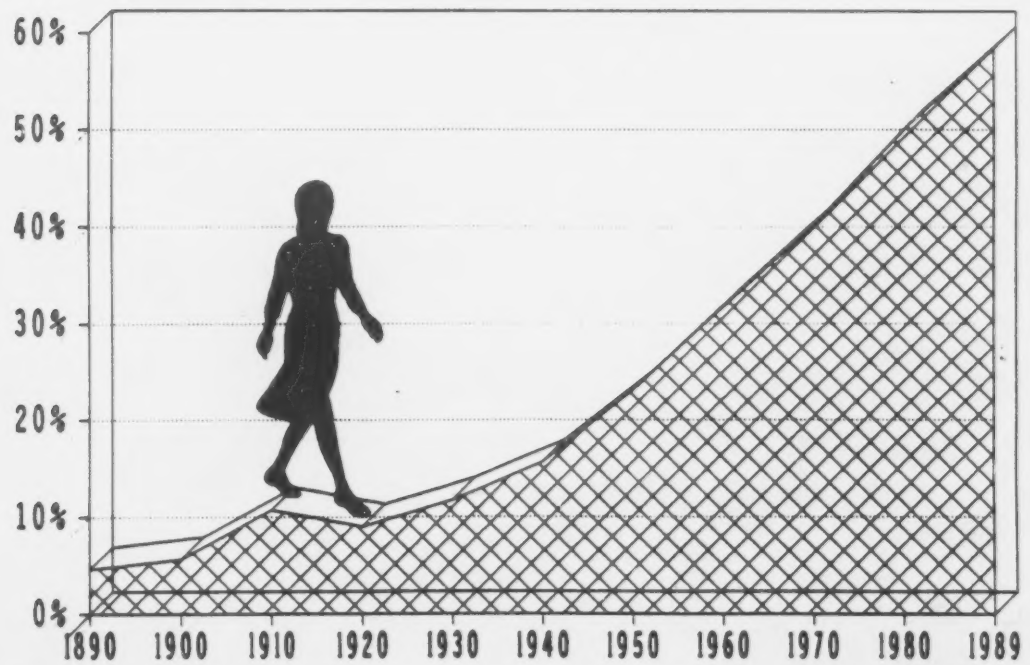

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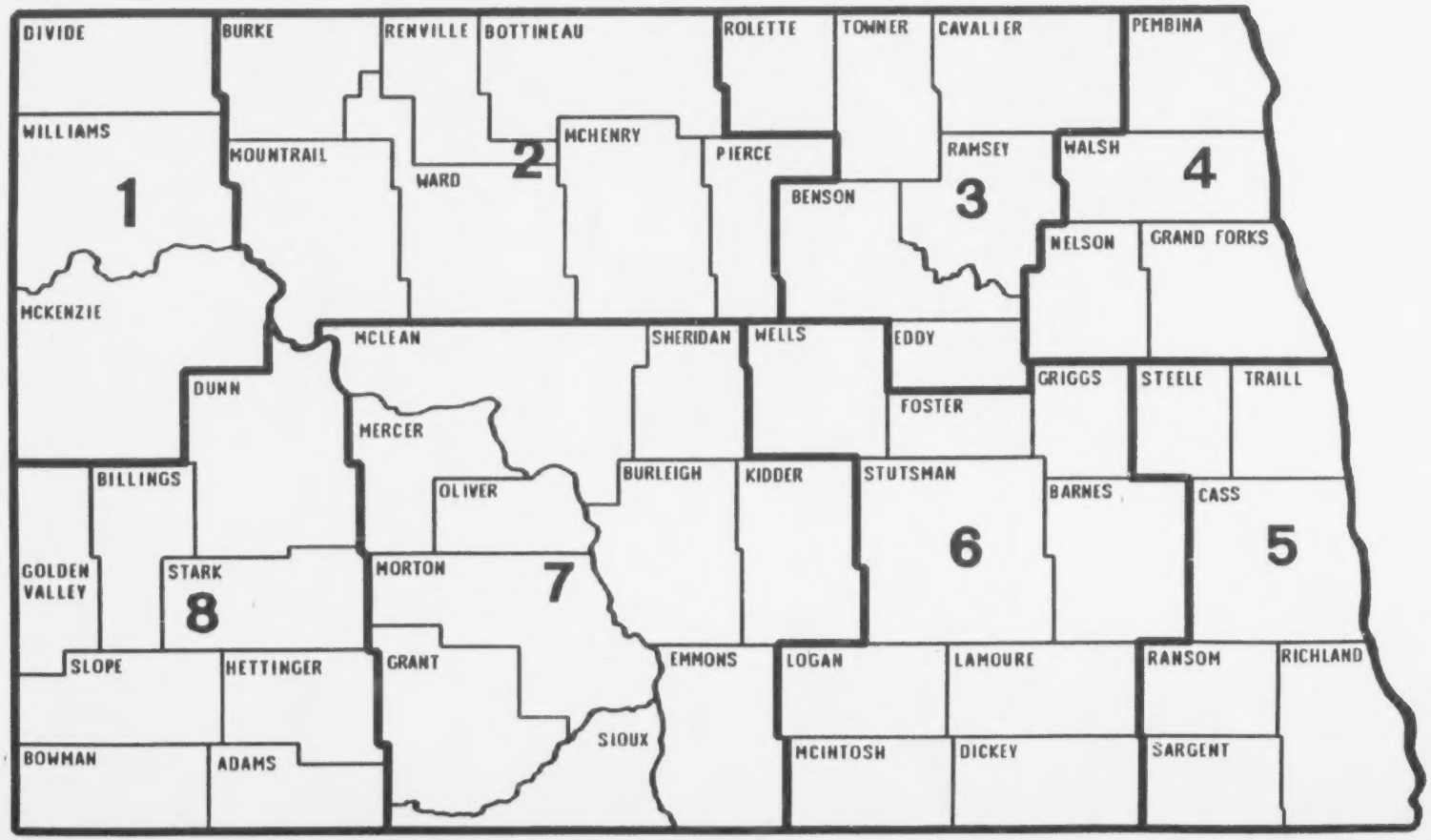

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Women at Work

In a recent publication, Women at Work: A Changing Environment, Job Service North Dakota explores the dynamic roles of women. These roles are causing fundamental changes in employee/employer relations as well as in our society. To appreciate these changes, one needs to consider historical as well as current trends of female employment.

The United States was founded at approximately the beginning of the industrial revolution. Before this, women worked as innkeepers, domestic staff, small shop proprietors, and worked at home, producing finished products for sale in shops or open markets (the cottage industry). The industrial revolution had an immediate impact on the textile industry (a cottage industry), creating the factory system of production. With the factory system of production, textiles were no longer produced at home, creating a larger surplus of goods as well as economic opportunities for men and women. These opportunities enabled people to leave the farm and were among the reasons for urban development.

With industrialization, new technologies were developed. These technologies enabled women to be increasingly accepted as working members of society. In turn, this fostered new social interactions and social change. These changes are dynamic. Consequently, the definitions of male and female roles are continuously being redefined by society.

These societal changes can also be found in North Dakota. If trends continue, women will move from rural areas of the state to urban centers as the economic opportunities are greater in urban areas. Traditional barriers will continue to collapse as employers begin to experience shortages of labor. The use of part-time employees is likely to continue, and in some industries increase dramatically during the next decade. Currently, females are more likely than males to work part-time; however, there is growing evidence that the number of males who are working part-time will increase. Other changes include employers being encouraged to offer leave policies and other benefits that assist working families, flexible scheduling, varied career tracks and wider opportunities for a diversity of jobs. In addition, the differences in pay between men and women will continue to decrease over time. Women can be found in virtually every occupation and industry. With the developing shortage of labor, this trend is likely to continue. The traditional "male" occupations of benchwork, construction and farming will continue to become less gender-specific. Likewise, traditional "female" occupations of teaching, nursing and other service occupations already employ a significant number of males and the levels of employment in these fields by males are likely to increase.

Perhaps the greatest change is the role of married women in the workforce. Prior to 1910, most women who were employed were single. In 1989, nearly 60 percent of women who were married also were gainfully employed outside the home. This trend is likely to continue until the employment patterns of males and females are virtually the same. With more women working, it is reasonable to assume that women will also become involved in the ownership of companies. At present, many of the businesses owned by women are independent shops or are firms in which the women are self-employed. The growth of firms with female owners has dramatically increased and there is no evidence to suggest a different trend for the future.

Women at Work: A Changing Environment is a document that explores these issues and provides a base for discussion using current and historical data. If you would like to receive a copy of this report, please write to Job Service North Dakota, Research and Statistics Section, Box 1537, Bismarck, ND 58502.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	January 1991	December 1990	December 1990	January 1990	January 1990
TOTAL NONAG	263,550	269,400	-2.2%	256,950	2.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	29,500	30,900	-4.5%	27,500	7.3%
MINING	4,050	4,300	-5.8%	3,900	3.8%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,800	3,000	-6.7%	2,600	7.7%
Other Mining	200	250	-20.0%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,700	8,600	-10.5%	7,300	5.5%
Building Construction	2,000	2,300	-13.0%	2,200	-9.1%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,300	1,500	-13.3%	900	44.4%
Special Trade Construction	4,400	4,800	-8.3%	4,200	4.8%
MANUFACTURING	17,750	18,000	-1.4%	16,300	8.9%
Durable Goods	8,950	9,150	-2.2%	8,250	8.5%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,050	4.8%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,700	5,750	-0.9%	5,350	6.5%
Machinery & Electric	4,000	4,100	-2.4%	3,800	5.3%
Transportation Equipment	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,550	9.7%
Other Durables	2,150	2,300	-6.5%	1,850	16.2%
Lumber & Wood	1,150	1,300	-11.5%	950	21.1%
Misc Durable	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Nondurable Goods	8,800	8,850	-0.6%	8,050	9.3%
Food & Kindred Products	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,250	12.9%
Dairy Products	600	650	-7.7%	650	-7.7%
Bakery Products	1,250	1,150	8.7%	800	56.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Other Foods	1,950	1,900	2.6%	1,800	8.3%
Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,400	1,550	-9.7%	1,300	7.7%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,050	238,500	-1.9%	229,450	2.0%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,100	17,250	-0.9%	16,850	1.5%
Transportation	9,000	9,150	-1.6%	8,750	2.9%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	5,200	-3.8%	4,900	2.0%
Other Transportation	4,000	3,950	1.3%	3,850	3.9%
Railroads	1,850	1,900	-2.6%	1,800	2.8%
Local & Suburban Transport	900	900	0.0%	950	-5.3%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,250	1,150	8.7%	1,100	13.6%
Communications	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,400	0.0%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,700	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	19,500	-2.1%	18,900	1.1%
Durable Goods	8,700	8,900	-2.2%	8,700	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	10,400	10,600	-1.9%	10,200	2.0%

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NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	January 1991	December 1990	December 1990	January 1990	January 1990
RETAIL TRADE	50,800	53,200	-4.5%	48,850	4.0%
Hardware & Garden	2,200	2,400	-8.3%	2,200	0.0%
General Merchandise	7,700	8,100	-4.9%	6,800	13.2%
Food Stores	7,200	7,400	-2.7%	6,900	4.3%
Auto & Service Stations	6,700	6,800	-1.5%	6,700	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,500	2,800	-10.7%	2,600	-3.8%
Furniture Stores	1,600	1,700	-5.9%	1,650	-3.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,400	18,200	-4.4%	16,800	3.6%
Misc Retail	5,500	5,800	-5.2%	5,200	5.8%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,500	-0.8%	12,300	0.8%
Finance	6,600	6,650	-0.8%	6,550	0.8%
Banking	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,600	1.8%
Other Finance	900	950	-5.3%	950	-5.3%
Insurance	3,950	3,950	0.0%	3,900	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Real Estate	1,850	1,900	-2.6%	1,850	0.0%
SERVICES	69,450	70,150	-1.0%	66,650	4.2%
Lodging	4,500	4,700	-4.3%	4,300	4.7%
Personal & Business	8,400	8,500	-1.2%	8,100	3.7%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,200	0.0%
Business Services	5,200	5,300	-1.9%	4,900	6.1%
Recreational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
Health Services	29,000	29,100	-0.3%	27,600	5.1%
Nursing & Hospital	21,200	21,200	0.0%	20,100	5.5%
Other Health	7,800	7,900	-1.3%	7,500	4.0%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,300	-1.2%	8,100	1.2%
Educational Services	3,000	3,100	-3.2%	3,000	0.0%
Social Services	6,800	6,800	0.0%	6,300	7.9%
Other Services	7,350	7,450	-1.3%	7,150	2.8%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,300	4.3%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,500	3,600	-2.8%	3,400	2.9%
GOVERNMENT	65,200	65,900	-1.1%	65,900	-1.1%
Federal	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,400	-3.8%
State & Local	55,200	55,900	-1.3%	55,500	-0.5%
State Government	19,900	20,200	-1.5%	19,900	0.0%
Educational Services	12,900	13,300	-3.0%	13,000	-0.8%
Other State Government	7,000	6,900	1.4%	6,900	1.4%
Local Government	35,300	35,700	-1.1%	35,600	-0.8%
Educational Services	17,700	17,900	-1.1%	18,200	-2.7%
Other Local Government	17,600	17,800	-1.1%	17,400	1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	January 1991	December 1990	December 1990	January 1990	January 1990
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	78,450	79,950	-1.9%	75,250	4.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,500	9,250	-8.1%	7,950	6.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,800	3,350	-16.4%	2,750	1.8%
Special Trades	1,700	1,450	17.2%	1,700	0.0%
Other Construction & Mining	1,100	1,900	-42.1%	1,050	4.8%
MANUFACTURING	5,700	5,900	-3.4%	5,200	9.6%
Durable Goods	2,800	2,950	-5.1%	2,450	14.3%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,400	7.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,400	-7.1%	1,050	23.8%
Nondurable Goods	2,900	2,950	-1.7%	2,750	5.5%
Food & Kindred	1,900	1,950	-2.6%	1,750	8.6%
Other Nondurables	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	69,950	70,700	-1.1%	67,300	3.9%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,700	4,800	-2.1%	4,500	4.4%
Trucking & Warehousing	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Other Transportation	2,200	2,300	-4.3%	2,000	10.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,550	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,800	-1.5%	6,600	1.5%
Durable	3,700	3,800	-2.6%	3,700	0.0%
Nondurable	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,900	3.4%
RETAIL TRADE	16,100	16,700	-3.6%	15,100	6.6%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,300	3,500	-5.7%	3,100	6.5%
Food Stores	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	1,850	13.5%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,950	2.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,900	6,100	-3.3%	5,500	7.3%
Other Retail	2,800	2,900	-3.4%	2,700	3.7%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,650	4,650	0.0%	4,450	4.5%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,950	2.6%
Insurance Carriers	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,000	10.0%
SERVICES	22,350	22,500	-0.7%	21,300	4.9%
Lodging	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,300	3.8%
Personal & Business	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,600	5.6%
Recreation & Amusement	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Health Services	8,200	8,200	0.0%	7,700	6.5%
Educational Services	2,200	2,300	-4.3%	2,100	4.8%
Social Services	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,650	3.0%
Membership Services	1,550	1,600	-3.1%	1,550	0.0%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	15,450	15,250	1.3%	15,350	0.7%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	6,250	6,250	0.0%	6,250	0.0%
State School	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,700	0.0%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Local	6,900	6,700	3.0%	6,800	1.5%
Local School	4,200	4,100	2.4%	4,200	0.0%
Other Local	2,700	2,600	3.8%	2,600	3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	January 1991	December 1990	December 1990	January 1990	January 1990
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,650	32,600	-2.9%	30,800	2.8%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,500	2,650	-5.7%	2,500	0.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	900	1,000	-10.0%	1,000	-10.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,500	6.7%
Durable Goods	650	650	0.0%	500	30.0%
Nondurable Goods	950	1,000	-5.0%	1,000	-5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	29,150	29,950	-2.7%	28,300	3.0%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,700	0.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,600	-3.1%	1,500	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	8,200	-6.1%	7,350	4.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,200	2,300	-4.3%	1,950	12.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,900	-6.9%	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	2,800	3,000	-6.7%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
SERVICES	7,450	7,350	1.4%	6,950	7.2%
Personal & Business	1,050	1,050	0.0%	950	10.5%
Health	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,800	7.1%
Other Services	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,200	6.3%
GOVERNMENT	9,700	10,050	-3.5%	9,700	0.0%
Federal	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,550	0.0%
State	5,550	5,950	-6.7%	5,550	0.0%
State School	5,100	5,500	-7.3%	5,100	0.0%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,600	2,550	2.0%	2,600	0.0%
Local School	1,450	1,400	3.6%	1,400	3.6%
Other Local	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,200	-4.2%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	January 1991	December 1990	December 1990	January 1990	January 1990
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	40,050	41,050	-2.4%	38,300	4.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,800	4,200	-9.5%	3,450	10.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,600	1,850	-13.5%	1,400	14.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,200	2,350	-6.4%	2,050	7.3%
Durable Goods	900	950	-5.3%	850	5.9%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,400	-7.1%	1,200	8.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,250	36,850	-1.6%	34,850	4.0%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,750	1.8%
Transportation	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,650	-3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	2,200	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,600	-4.7%	7,900	3.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,850	1,950	-5.1%	1,750	5.7%
Food Stores	1,000	1,050	-4.8%	1,050	-4.8%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,000	1,100	-9.1%	1,050	-4.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,500	8.0%
Other Retail	1,650	1,700	-2.9%	1,550	6.5%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
SERVICES	12,700	12,750	-0.4%	11,900	6.7%
Lodging	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Health Services	5,300	5,400	-1.9%	4,800	10.4%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	850	0.0%
Social Services	1,200	1,150	4.3%	1,100	9.1%
Membership Services	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,250	4.0%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,600	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,950	9,000	-0.6%	8,600	4.1%
Federal	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,100	-4.5%
State	4,200	4,050	3.7%	3,900	7.7%
State Schools	300	350	-14.3%	300	0.0%
Other State	3,900	3,700	5.4%	3,600	8.3%
Local	3,700	3,850	-3.9%	3,600	2.8%
Local Schools	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,500	6.7%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990
MANUFACTURING	443.51	457.19	430.36	40.1	41.3	40.6	11.06	11.07	10.60
Durable Goods	470.15	486.04	455.67	40.6	41.9	41.2	11.58	11.60	11.06
Nondurable Goods	409.62	420.21	396.81	39.5	40.6	39.8	10.37	10.35	9.97

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990
MANUFACTURING	379.05	351.35	349.27	41.7	40.2	39.6	9.09	8.74	8.82
Durable Goods	379.09	371.43	366.12	40.2	41.5	40.5	9.43	8.95	9.04
Nondurable Goods	380.19	328.56	329.56	43.6	38.7	38.5	8.72	8.49	8.56
Food & Kindred	363.38	338.66	350.28	42.7	41.1	41.8	8.51	8.24	8.38

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	JAN 1990
MANUFACTURING	335.62	333.26	339.39	38.8	38.0	39.1	8.65	8.77	8.68
Durable Goods	318.74	329.56	302.50	37.9	38.5	37.3	8.41	8.56	8.11
Nondurable Goods	350.86	336.75	376.79	39.6	37.5	41.0	8.86	8.98	9.19

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	DEC 1990	JAN 1990	JAN 1990
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,253	126,791	-0.4%	126,094	0.1%
Employment	118,538	119,191	-0.5%	119,559	-0.9%
Unemployment	7,715	7,600	1.5%	6,535	18.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	xxx	5.2%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	312,300	316,850	-1.4%	319,150	-2.1%
Employment	298,270	304,660	-2.1%	302,900	-1.5%
Unemployment	14,030	12,190	15.1%	16,250	-13.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.8%	xxx	5.1%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	88,990	89,460	-0.5%	87,070	2.2%
Employment	85,290	86,930	-1.9%	84,090	1.4%
Unemployment	3,700	2,530	46.2%	2,980	24.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	2.8%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,700	35,950	-3.5%	35,670	-2.7%
Employment	33,590	34,830	-3.6%	34,140	-1.6%
Unemployment	1,110	1,120	-0.9%	1,530	-27.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%	xxx	4.3%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,380	45,780	1.3%	46,280	0.2%
Employment	44,130	44,000	0.3%	43,890	0.5%
Unemployment	2,250	1,780	26.4%	2,390	-5.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	3.9%	xxx	5.2%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
DEC 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	316.9	2,424.5	355.7	394.8
Employment	304.7	2,304.8	344.4	368.0
Unemployment	12.2	119.7	11.3	26.8
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.9%	3.2%	6.8%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	Percent Change From DEC 1990	JAN 1990	Percent Change From JAN 1990
All Items	130.7	134.6	133.8	0.6%	127.4	5.7%
Food & Beverage	132.1	135.9	133.9	1.5%	130.0	4.5%
Housing	128.5	131.8	130.5	1.0%	125.9	4.7%
Apparel & Upkeep	124.1	123.8	125.3	-1.2%	116.7	6.1%
Transportation	120.5	125.5	127.2	-1.3%	117.2	7.1%
Medical Care	162.8	171.0	169.2	1.1%	155.9	9.7%
Entertainment	132.4	135.5	134.6	0.7%	129.9	4.3%
All Other	159.0	166.5	164.5	1.2%	154.0	8.1%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	JAN 1991	DEC 1990	Percent Change From DEC 1990	JAN 1990	Percent Change From JAN 1990
All Commodities	116.3	118.9	118.6	0.3%	114.9	3.5%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	118.6	117.0	117.0	0.0%	118.2	-1.0%
Industrial Commodities	115.8	119.3	118.9	0.3%	114.2	4.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90
Divide	1,261	1,250	1,320	1,206	1,217	1,294	55	33	26	4.4%	2.6%	2.0%
McKenzie	2,441	2,441	2,664	2,316	2,361	2,570	125	80	94	5.1%	3.3%	3.5%
Williams	10,231	10,581	10,829	9,886	10,227	10,255	345	354	574	3.4%	3.3%	5.3%
REGION 1	13,933	14,272	14,813	13,408	13,805	14,119	525	467	694	3.8%	3.3%	4.7%
Bottineau	2,991	3,020	3,196	2,817	2,879	2,990	174	141	206	5.8%	4.7%	6.4%
Burke	1,191	1,215	1,307	1,154	1,168	1,229	37	47	78	3.1%	3.9%	6.0%
McHenry	2,270	2,367	2,517	2,031	2,108	2,150	239	259	367	10.5%	10.9%	14.6%
Mountrail	3,006	3,150	3,120	2,824	2,968	2,880	182	182	240	6.1%	5.8%	7.7%
Pierce	2,191	2,280	2,375	2,107	2,198	2,283	84	82	92	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%
Renville	1,085	1,119	1,079	1,018	1,065	1,022	67	54	57	6.2%	4.8%	5.3%
Ward	25,227	25,471	25,494	23,895	24,414	24,071	1,332	1,057	1,423	5.3%	4.1%	5.6%
REGION 2	37,961	38,622	39,088	35,846	36,800	36,625	2,115	1,822	2,463	5.6%	4.7%	6.3%
Benson	2,510	2,706	2,657	2,318	2,465	2,341	192	241	316	7.6%	8.9%	11.9%
Cavalier	2,371	2,372	2,476	2,211	2,248	2,300	160	124	176	6.7%	5.2%	7.1%
Eddy	1,209	1,269	1,360	1,090	1,130	1,204	119	139	156	9.8%	11.0%	11.5%
Ramsey	6,384	6,453	6,567	6,089	6,221	6,256	295	232	311	4.6%	3.6%	4.7%
Rolette	4,108	4,275	4,219	3,694	3,766	3,645	414	509	574	10.1%	11.9%	13.6%
Towner	1,589	1,727	1,642	1,523	1,666	1,554	66	61	88	4.2%	3.5%	5.4%
REGION 3	18,171	18,802	18,921	16,925	17,496	17,300	1,246	1,306	1,621	6.9%	6.9%	8.6%
Grand Forks	34,695	35,941	35,666	33,589	34,826	34,139	1,106	1,115	1,527	3.2%	3.1%	4.3%
Nelson	1,762	1,744	1,832	1,641	1,663	1,723	121	81	109	6.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Pembina	4,664	4,794	4,954	4,291	4,458	4,469	373	336	485	8.0%	7.0%	9.8%
Walsh	6,987	7,223	7,551	6,635	6,895	7,165	352	328	386	5.0%	4.5%	5.1%
REGION 4	48,108	49,702	50,003	46,156	47,842	47,496	1,952	1,860	2,507	4.1%	3.7%	5.0%
Cass	61,297	62,698	61,607	59,924	61,378	59,904	1,373	1,320	1,703	2.2%	2.1%	2.8%
Ransom	2,454	2,439	2,552	2,390	2,367	2,465	64	72	87	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%
Richland	8,421	8,467	8,609	8,141	8,207	8,260	280	260	349	3.3%	3.1%	4.1%
Sargent	2,608	2,594	2,633	2,543	2,552	2,576	65	42	57	2.5%	1.6%	2.2%
Steele	953	949	988	904	930	928	49	19	60	5.1%	2.0%	6.1%
Traill	3,921	4,031	4,051	3,757	3,907	3,904	164	124	147	4.2%	3.1%	3.6%
REGION 5	79,654	81,178	80,440	77,659	79,341	78,037	1,995	1,837	2,403	2.5%	2.3%	3.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90	JAN'91	DEC'90	JAN'90
Barnes	5,493	5,492	5,467	5,204	5,313	5,159	289	179	308	5.3%	3.3%	5.6%
Dickey	2,862	2,882	2,907	2,734	2,801	2,819	128	81	88	4.5%	2.8%	3.0%
Foster	2,026	2,055	2,121	1,907	1,929	1,994	119	126	127	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%
Griggs	1,329	1,367	1,454	1,278	1,316	1,360	51	51	94	3.8%	3.7%	6.5%
La Moure	2,106	2,125	2,219	2,018	2,038	2,112	88	87	107	4.2%	4.1%	4.8%
Logan	1,250	1,307	1,347	1,208	1 254	1,307	42	53	40	3.4%	4.1%	3.0%
McIntosh	2,052	2,128	2,160	2,029	2,089	2,114	23	39	46	1.1%	1.8%	2.1%
Stutsman	10,964	11,092	11,442	10,388	10,683	10,888	576	409	554	5.3%	3.7%	4.8%
Wells	2,615	2,620	2,705	2,358	2,422	2,455	257	198	250	9.8%	7.6%	9.2%
REGION 6	30,697	31,068	31,822	29,124	29,845	30,208	1,573	1,223	1,614	5.1%	3.9%	5.1%
Burleigh	33,859	33,482	33,784	32,384	32,286	32,210	1,475	1,196	1,574	4.4%	3.6%	4.7%
Emmons	1,945	1,973	2,027	1,830	1,866	1,884	115	107	143	5.9%	5.4%	7.1%
Grant	1,564	1,553	1,543	1,487	1,499	1,475	77	54	68	4.9%	3.5%	4.4%
Kidder	1,394	1,410	1,454	1,257	1,286	1,283	137	124	171	9.8%	8.8%	11.8%
McLean	4,156	4,092	4,236	3,837	3,826	3,908	319	266	328	7.7%	6.5%	7.7%
Mercer	5,284	5,336	5,477	4,892	5,034	5,027	392	302	450	7.4%	5.7%	8.2%
Morton	12,520	12,295	12,499	11,747	11,711	11,683	773	584	816	6.2%	4.7%	6.5%
Oliver	1,067	976	1,056	993	917	996	74	59	60	6.9%	6.0%	5.7%
Sheridan	1,027	1,031	1,027	926	945	957	101	86	70	9.8%	8.3%	6.8%
Sioux	1,064	1,100	979	970	983	856	94	117	123	8.8%	10.6%	12.6%
REGION 7	63,880	63,248	64,082	60,323	60,353	60,279	3,557	2,895	3,803	5.6%	4.6%	5.9%
Adams	1,663	1,654	1,565	1,614	1,615	1,526	49	39	39	2.9%	2.4%	2.5%
Billings	618	627	630	593	594	594	25	33	36	4.0%	5.3%	5.7%
Bowman	1,911	1,944	1,931	1,850	1,909	1,867	61	35	64	3.2%	1.8%	3.3%
Dunn	1,455	1,465	1,502	1,365	1,402	1,365	90	63	137	6.2%	4.3%	9.1%
Gldn Valley	976	935	984	905	908	959	71	27	25	7.3%	2.9%	2.5%
Hettinger	1,602	1,597	1,703	1,470	1,506	1,596	132	91	107	8.2%	5.7%	6.3%
Slope	383	380	431	365	352	385	18	28	46	4.7%	7.4%	10.7%
Stark	11,290	11,344	11,231	10,665	10,884	10,543	625	460	688	5.5%	4.1%	6.1%
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REGION 8	19,898	19,946	19,977	18,827	19,170	18,835	1,071	776	1,142	5.4%	3.9%	5.7%
STATE TOTALS	312,306	316,841	319,148	298,272	304,655	302,902	14,034	12,186	16,246	4.5%	3.8%	5.1%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

JOB SERVICE OFFICE LOCATIONS

BISMARCK
216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

NDSU-FARGO
Job Information and
Placement Center
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-2202

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

UND-GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall- Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

HARVEY
119 9th St. West
Phone: 324-4552

HETTINGER
606 2nd Avenue North
Phone: 567-2156

JAMESTOWN
429 2nd Street Southwest
Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
501 1st Street Northwest
Phone: 663-6461

MINOT
3416 North Broadway
Phone: 857-7650

NEW TOWN
Tribal Administration Building
Phone: 627-4390

OAKES
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PHONE: 742-2546

ROLLA
103 East Main
Phone: 477-5631

VALLEY CITY
2425 West Main
Phone: 845-7261

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524 2nd Avenue North
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